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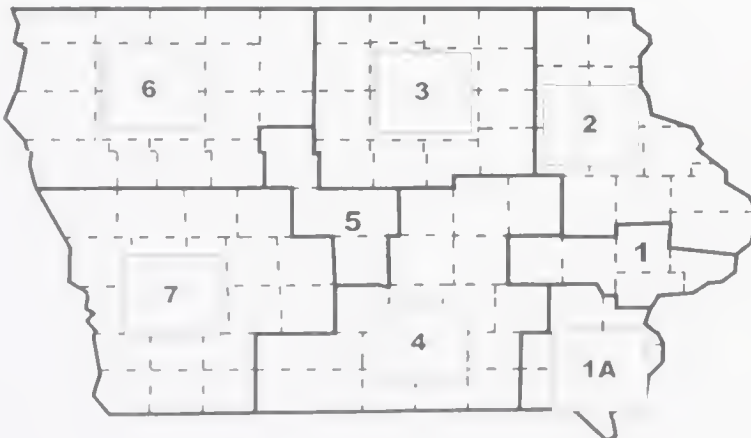
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From the Editor

Would you like to see news of your club's activities covered in *The Iowa Collector*? The editor welcomes news of club happenings in the *Iowa Numismatic Associations* region. Information on your upcoming coin show, election of new officers, numismatic articles prepared by club members. Send your clubs news to the Editor, also any articles, with photographs, to make your story more interesting.

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Presidents Message

Fall! Wait a minute where did the time go? Summer as always seems to fly by every year and the busy fall schedule is upon us. It was a great summer and I even managed to take some time off my busy schedule to take the family to the Grand Canyon, now there's a coin jar you won't be filling any time soon. We had a wonderful time in July at the Adventureland Inn in Altoona with the Central Iowa Coin and Stamp Expo and a very positive meeting of the INA board

As of this writing we are about to leave for the ANA show in Milwaukee and a new ANA board that hopefully will put the hobby first in its endeavors as there was a lot of political problems and questions of poor judgement on the last board that probably resulted in their removal by the membership. I'm greatly looking forward to the state show in Storm Lake in October and I hope everyone can attend and please do your best to bring someone new to the hobby, to the show, so they can join us and see what a great group of collectors and dealers we have here in Iowa and the surrounding area.

School will start soon across this land and I urge everyone to take the time to donate books and numismatic material to the school libraries and maybe even find time to talk to local groups about this wonderful hobby we have to share with them. Best wishes to all and your families and I hope to see you in Storm Lake.

John Jackson President
Iowa Numismatic Association



FROM THE SECRETARIES DESK

Well let's see, summer is half over as I'm writing this and I'm not really sure where the time has gone. I'm not sure if I'm losing track of time or if I'm just getting busier as time goes by.

Chris Seuntjens and Terry Holdridge hosted a really good show at the Adventureland Inn in Altoona. After the busy day we held a Board meeting right in the bourse room and seemed to accomplish quite a bit.

I've managed to get the Life Membership cards out to all our new Life Members. These are engraved metal cards including the INA logo, member's name and Life Membership number. I think they are pretty sharp. What is with the bullion market lately? It seems to be jumping around like crazy anymore. I know we have a hard time staying on top of the market. As I am writing this silver is just about \$12.50 and gold is \$650.00.

Remember dues are now \$10.00 a year.

Beverly Ashton
INA Secretary/treasurer

INA BOARD AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATES

The INA officers hold three board meetings each year and one open membership meeting. These meetings are held in conjunction with a coin show. The annual board meeting is held during the INAs Annual Coin Show & Convention which is hosted by a different Coin Club each year. The INA's officers board meeting is held the evening of the first day of the INA coin show and the open membership meeting is conducted on the morning of the second day of the INA coin show.

Regular INA Board meetings:

October 27, 2007 at Annual INA Coin Show, Storm Lake, Iowa

October 28, 2007 Open membership meeting: Storm Lake, Iowa

February 23, 2008 at Coin-a-Rama, Nevada, Iowa

July 12, 2008 at Central Iowa Coin & Stamp Expo, Altoona, Iowa

President John Jackson called the meeting to order. The minutes were read. Gordon Weber moved that they be accepted. Lee Roe seconded and the minutes were approved. The Treasurer's report was given with a balance of \$6,758.28 in the general fund and \$1,418.60 in the ICTA fund. Gordon moved that it be accepted. Denny Ross seconded and the Treasurer's report was approved. The mailing status for The Collector was discussed. Denny will take the final paperwork to the Post Office after receiving a copy of the charter from Bev Ashton. There was discussion on The Collector. The price has increased because of the cost of paper & larger issues with more ads. Denny has received letters of praise on the new format. A big thanks was given to Denny for all his hard work. A question was brought up on whether we should cut back on the extra issues to save on some money. After discussion it was decided that we should stay at the 50 extra copies. The upcoming INA Convention in October was discussed. There is still construction going on at the hotel. This is to be held at King's Pointe in Storm Lake. The Phone number for reservations is (712) 231-4500.

Bev brought up the INA Numismatist of the Year Award. We will need the ballots back before the convention in time for Bev to get the plaque engraved. Denny presented a budget from the Ottumwa Coin Club for the 2008 INA Convention. It is set for Oct. 11-12, 2008 at the Bridge view Event Center in Ottumwa. The budget was showing an approximate cost of \$3,280.00. The cost for the Secretary's room needed to be added to the budget. Sam Ashton made a motion we accept the budget. Tom Robertson seconded and the motion was passed. Sam passed out copies of the reworked Convention Manual Mike Scacci had worked on. Everyone needs to look this over and we will discuss this at the next meeting. Earl Peterson announced that he would be getting out of the coin business. Chris Seuntjens will be handling auctions for the business. Earl will be serving out his term as INA Director. The INA received a book on Obsolete Paper Money (along with lots of other ANA Clubs) by just sending in a request for the book. After much discussion Sam made a motion that we give it to the Storm Lake Club. Ron Burns seconded and it passed.

Tom Robertson made a suggestion that Directors should go to local libraries and see if they would like to sign up for INA and get on The Collector mailing list. Gordon made a motion that we adjourn. Chris seconded and we adjourned.

Members present: Lee Roe, Sam Ashton, Chris Seuntjens, Denny Ross, John Jackson, Clarence Mitchell, Ron Burns, Gordon Weber, Tom Robertson, Robert Simon, George Shook, Earl Peterson & Bev Ashton

Respectfully Submitted,
Beverly Ashton
INA Secretary Treasurer

Financial Statement February 24, 2007 - July 14, 2007

Starting Balance	INA REGULAR 4,204.25	ICTA FUND 1,414.14
Receipts		
Medals	929.00	
Dues	1,030.00	
Ads	1,395.00	Interest 4.46
Interest	6.96	
Contributions	<u>70.00</u>	<u> </u>
	3,430.96	4.46
Expenses		
Collector Printing	580.88	
Collector Postage/Labels	113.09	
Computer Cartridges	33.91	
Membership Card Printing	97.52	
Engraving	3.82	
Postage	<u>47.71</u>	
	876.93	
Current Balance	6,758.28	1,418.60
Checking	4,459.09	
Savings	2,259.19	1,418.60
Cash	<u>40.00</u>	<u> </u>
	6,758.28	1,418.60

Note From The Editor

I would like to extend a special Thank-you to Bev Ashton, John Jackson and Chris Seuntjens, who contributed feed-back and articles to me to help make The Iowa Collector a higher quality publication. I encourage anyone who has an interesting subject they would like to see in The Collector, write an article about it e-mail or send it to me so that I can include it in a future issue. If you discover any errors in this issue please let me know so that I may correct them

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From the Editors Desk

This is the second edition of "The Iowa Collector" that this editor has solely published. The June issue came out fairly well and this issue is even better. It is thanks to Roger Rice, who has extended, to me, his great wealth of knowledge and expertise in computer publishing. His sharing of tips and explanations of publishing on the computer has made my efforts at publishing a whole lot easier. The changes in this issue are subtle but have improved the quality and appearance throughout.

The efforts put forth to improve The Collector have not gone unnoticed by quite a few of the member readers. I have received letters and e-mails congratulating this editor for the greatly improved Collector News Journal.

In a letter from Michael T., in Vallejo, California. **Wow! What An Improvement! Great Job!** I wanted to write formally and commend you for your effort and endeavor to improve, or as you wrote "keep up with the Jones"! **Great Job!** Being an editor and an assistant editor and belonging to many organizations, local, state, regional, and national. I am well aware of the demands required, and you have my sincere well-wishes.

From: Steve F., a member of the Cedar Rapids Coin Club, INA, ANA and more. Steve is a professor in Physics at Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. **Congratulations on the new INA Journal—Well Done!**

Many other member readers have commented on the greatly improved Collector News Journal. I extend to all my deeply appreciated thank-you for your input and accolades on the over-haul of "The Iowa Collector."

It will be with you, the member readers of The Iowa Collector, that this news journal will be able to maintain the integrity and quality that is the bench mark of the Iowa Numismatic Association. By continuing to submit input and articles to The Iowa Collector you will be contributing to the continued standard of high quality that is deserving of this publication. Again Thank-You.

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Half dollars & seated dollars, Barber series; dimes, quarters & half
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Grinnell ----- Second Monday, Community Center (Senior Citizens Room) 7:30 PM, George Fowler (641) 236-3549

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Keokuk ----- Fourth Thursday (Third Thursday in Nov. & Dec.), SCC's S Campus Student Lounge, 7:30 PM, Tom Gardener (319) 524-7366

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Ottumwa - Fourth Tuesday, Albion Road Baptist Church, 1601 Albion Road (Basement), 7:00 PM, Denny Ross (641) 932-2731

Port City (Muscatine) - Fourth Tuesday (No meetings June, July, Aug), Holiday Inn, Muscatine, Hwy 61 & 38, 7:00 PM, Jim Burr (563) 262-9313

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Storm Lake - Second Tuesday, Chamber of Commerce Bldg., 119 West 6th Street, 7:30 PM, Russ Post (712) 284-2110

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There are 3 issues of our deluxe publication, with a 4th issue when needed. Anyone would be proud to have their ad in "The Collector". We try to get articles and information for the good of our members. We encourage everyone to write an article concerning Numismatic information which might help other collectors, especially our new members.

We must increase the price of our ads to keep up the quality of our publication

Thank you for your sponsorship!

Chris Seuntjens

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THE IOWA COLLECTOR is published 3 time a year

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2007 Iowa Coin Show Calender

Sept. 16 Omaha, Neb.

Sept. 23 Hiawatha Coin Show ----- Community Center, 80 Center Point Road, Hiawatha, IA (9-3) Brian Fanton (319) 294-4377

Oct. 12 thru 14 Moon Show ----- Earl Brown Heritage Center, Brooklyn Center, MN

Oct. 17-20 The Silver Dollar & Rare Coin Expo. St. Charles Convention Center. St. Louis, MO

Oct. 20 Heartland Coin & Stamp Show --- Bridge View Event Center 102 Church Street Ottumwa, IA (9-4) Denny Ross (641) 932-2731

Oct 21 Tri-State Coin Show----- Grey Hound Park & Casino, Park View Room, Dubuque, IA (9-4) Lee Roe (563) 852-3517

Oct. 27-28 69th Annual INA Coin Show & Convention -- Kings Point Resort, Storm Lake, IA (9-5) (9-4) John Jackson(712) 274-9195

Nov. 3 Keokuk Coin Club Show ----- River City Mall, 300 Main Street, Keokuk, IA (10-5) Tom Gardner (319) 524-7366

Nov. 10th-11th Des Moines Coin Club Show ---- Adventureland Inn, Altoona, IA (9-5) (9-3) Chris Seuntjens (515) 251-4031

Nov. 17 North Dakota State's Annual Fall Show - Best Western Doublewood Inn, Fargo, ND

Nov. 18 Omaha, Neb.

Dec. 1 Omaha, Neb.

Dec. 9 Old Capitol Coin Club Coin Show ---- Quality Inn, I-80 & Hwy 1 (exit 246) Iowa City, IA (9-4) Tom Robertson(319) 351-2512

Dec. 16 Omaha, Neb.

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Object

The object of this corporation shall be to:

Encourage and promote the science of numismatics.

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Acquire and disseminate numismatic knowledge.

Generally represent numismatic interests throughout the State of Iowa.

Junior members

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Officers

Officers are elected every two years by membership vote, by mail ballot, and take office at the annual convention following election. Officers consist of 16 members, including the President, the First and Second Vice Presidents, the Secretary/Treasurer, the immediate Past-President, and 11 Directors.

The annual membership meeting is held each year at the Iowa Numismatic Association's Annual Convention held in the fall.

The Iowa Collector, the official bulletin, is published three times each year and sent to each member. The I N A , upon request, will help the heirs of any member in good standing find a qualified person or persons, in his area, to appraise and an estate.

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Signature of Applicant

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Date: October 20, 2007

Time: Viewing at 5:00 PM

Auction: at 6:00 PM

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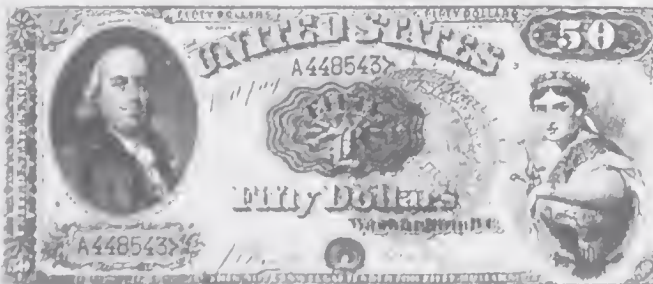
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B. 1931
C. 1975
D. 1933
2. In what year was the motto IN GOD WE TRUST placed on the half dollar?
A. 1807
B. 1866
C. 1836
D. 1839

Answers inside back cover.

The purpose of coin clubs is to bring together those persons interested in the hobby of collecting coins. To encourage active participation in Numismatology. To uphold the principals of fair dealing. To study the history of the world thru the art of coin collecting. To provide a meeting place for interested people and to promote good fellowship among its members.



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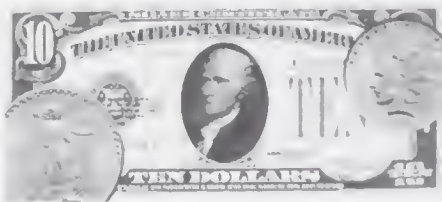
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GOLD COINAGE OF THE UNITED STATES

By: Rev. Frank H. Greteman

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Gold is most common to most nations as a standard of measurement of all other values. Although it is no longer used for actual coinage in the U.S., it continues to serve as a yardstick of money values, and our gold reserve backs up our token or representative money. Since 1933 it has been stored in bullion form----gold bricks, as they are called----thus saving the expense of coinage.

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THE GOLD ONE DOLLAR PIECES



The gold dollars (1849-1889) were authorized by the Act of March 3, 1849 and were the consequence of the discovery of gold in California. They consist of the following.



Type I.....	1849-1854
Type II.....	1854-1856
Type III.....	1856-1889

They were struck at Philadelphia, San Francisco, Charlotte, North Carolina and Dahlonega, Georgia.

Type one is the smallest of the series. It is variously known as the small size type, Liberty Head type or Cornet Head type. It has two types of reverses---the open wreath and the closed wreath.

Type II. In 1854 the dollar was redesigned with a larger diameter and thinned out as well, to keep the weight unchanged. Liberty received a feathered crown, so this second type is known as Feathered Head-Dress or the large type.

Type III. In 1856 the head was slightly enlarged, giving rise to a third type. This design continued until the end of coinage in 1889.

THE QUARTER EAGLE (\$2.50) GOLD PIECES



The Quarter Eagle (1796-1929) was authorized by the Act of 1792. These types were struck.



- Capped Bust Right.....1796-1807
- Capped Bust Left (large size)..... 1808
- Capped Bust Left (small size).....1821-1834
- Classic Head.....1834-1839
- Cornet Head.....1840-1907
- Indian Head.....1908-1929

THREE DOLLAR GOLD (\$3.00) GOLD PIECES



The Three Dollar gold coin was authorized by the Act of February 21, 1853 and first issued in 1854.



Like the silver three-cent piece it was intended mainly for buying three-cent stamps. Neither coin received popular acceptance and a change in postal rates brought about the disappearance of both coins.

During the period of issue (1854-1889), with the exception of the 1873 dated coin, there was only one type. On the obverse an Indian Princess with a feathered crown. The word Liberty appears on the crown. The reverse features a wreath of tobacco, wheat, corn and cotton. The value and date

are inside the Wreath on the reverse. The 1873 dated three dollar gold piece featured either an open or closed wreath on the reverse. Proof only issues were struck in 1875 and 1876. The 1854 three dollar gold coins were struck at Philadelphia, Dahlonega and New Orleans. The following dates were struck at San Francisco as well as Philadelphia: 1855 S, 1856 S, 1860 S and 1870. All other dates were struck at Philadelphia (1854-1889). The 1870 S is considered unique as there is only one known.

FOUR DOLLAR GOLD “STELLA”



Coiled Hair.....1879-1880



Flowing Hair.....1879-1880



Available as a pattern piece the Four Dollar “Stella” was never struck for circulation as a monetary issue. The flowing hair was designed by Charles E. Barber and the coiled hair was designed by George T. Morgan. Considered one of the most beautiful gold coins, the Four Dollar “Stella” is highly sought after by advanced collectors.

THE HALF EAGLE (\$5.00) GOLD PIECE



The Half Eagle (\$5.00) gold pieces were minted from 1795 to 1929 and like the Quarter Eagles were authorized by the Act of April 2, 1792.



The following types were struck.

Capped bust Right, Small Eagle.....	1795-1798
Capped Bust Right, Heraldic Eagle.....	1795-1807
Capped Bust Left.....	1807-1812

Capped Head Left (large diameter).....	1813-1829
Capped Head Left (reduced diameter).....	1829-1834
Classic Head Type.....	1834-1838
Cornet Type, No Motto Above Eagle.....	1839-1866
Cornet Type, Motto Above Eagle.....	1866-1908
Indian Head Type.....	1908-1929

The 1795-1798 issues of the Capped Bust five dollar gold pieces came with a small eagle or a large Heraldic eagle on the reverse. In 1807 the Capped Bust type made its appearance with Liberty facing right. The value (5 D.) was added to the bottom of the reverse. In 1829 the diameter of the five dollar gold piece was reduced from 25mm to 23.8mm. In 1866 the motto IN GOD WE TRUST was artfully placed on a ribbon above the eagle, on the reverse.

The Indian Head was the last half eagle issued (1908-1929). Like the quarter eagle, of the same period, it is an incuse coin designed by Bela Lyons Pratt.

THE EAGLE (\$10.00) GOLD PIECE



The \$10.00 gold coin, authorized by the Act of April 2, 1792, was first issued in 1795 and ended in 1933. The following types were struck



Capped Bust Right, Small Eagle.....	1795-1797
Capped Bust Right, Heraldic Eagle.....	1797-1804
Cornet Type, No Motto Above Eagle.....	1838-1866
Cornet Type, Motto Above Eagle.....	1866-1907
Indian Head Type.....	1907-1933

Like the half eagles of the same years, the earliest Capped Bust style has two reverses, the small eagle and large eagle, and is similar in other respects too. No Eagle coins were issued from 1805-1837, apparently because of the heavy drain on gold for export. In 1838 the first Cornet type (Liberty facing left) was issued. There are several variations of these, e.g. with and without moto, etc.

The Indian Head type, designed by the famous sculptor, Augustus Saint Gaudens and first issued in 1907, is one of the most beautiful examples of

American coinage. The 1907 issues have several kinds of edges. Again there are several varieties, with and without mottos etc.

THE DOUBLE EAGLE (\$20.00) GOLD PIECES



The \$20.00 coin was authorized by the Act of March 3, 1849 and was first issued that year, thanks to a heavy influx of gold from California.



The following types were struck.

Cornet Type, Without Motto.....	1849-1866
Cornet Type, Motto Above Eagle.....	1866-1907
Saint Gaudens Type.....	1907-1933

The 1849 dated double eagle was struck as a pattern and reposes in the Smithsonian. The 1861 and 1861 S designed by A.C. Paquet are notable rarities. On this type the value appears on the reverse as TWENTY D. beginning with the 1866 issue IN GOD WE TRUST was placed in a ribbon above the eagle.

The Liberty Standing double eagle. Designed by Augustus Saint Gaudens, is universally acknowledged as the artistic gem of American coinage. The 1907 double eagle comes in quite a few varieties; Flat edge and wire edge, high relief and lower relief, Roman numerals and Arabic numerals. Double eagles from 1907 to 1911 have 46 stars on the obverse and 48 stars from 1912 to 1933. On March 16, 1933 President Roosevelt ordered the discontinuation of all gold coinage. Although 445,500 double eagles dated 1933 were minted they were never officially released for circulation and supposedly they were all melted down into bars. Other than the two in the Smithsonian, it is now known that at least 11 other 1933 dated double eagles have survived. One of 11 sold at auction in 2002 for the sum of \$7,590,000.00. The other 10, 1933 double eagles were seized and are now in the hands of the Federal Government. Their fate will be decided in a court of law.

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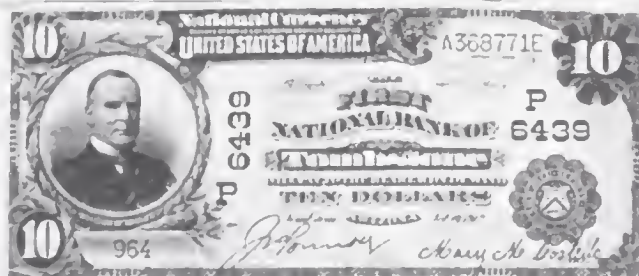
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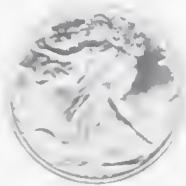
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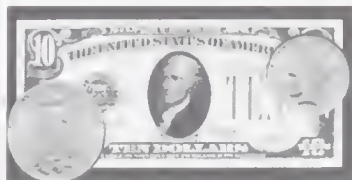
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By: Denny Ross

Back in the late 1960s I owned and operated a small coin shop on the south side of Tacoma, Washington. The coin market wasn't anything like we see today. Not only did I buy and sell coins but also coin supplies, both on a retail and wholesale basis. I had the shop open Monday thru Wednesday, closed on Thursday and Sunday and open again on Friday and Saturday. Sunday was my day of rest and Thursday was the day I delivered coin supplies to other dealers within a 50 to 60 mile radius of my shop. On one particular Thursday I had made 3 or 4 deliveries locally and was headed north, to 4 other coin shops in the Seattle area, to drop off supplies to them. From there I had one more stop further north, in the city of Everett, Washington. This one was out of my way but I would make the trip anyway as a very good friend of mine owned and operated a coin shop on the south side of the city. Not only did these trips provide me with a little extra income but also gave me the chance to look over everyone's inventory and maybe pick up some coins for my own inventory.

I arrived at 'Jerry's Coin Shop' in the middle of the afternoon. I picked up the box of supplies that I had brought for Jerry and headed into his shop. Jerry paid me for the supplies and then we kicked back, each with a cup of coffee, and exchanged our weekly happenings. It was during our conversation that an elderly lady entered the shop, struggling to carry a cigar box.. Still to this day I remember the brand name on that cigar box, it was White Owl. She carried it over to the counter and set it down. Jerry asked if he could help her. She said, "you buy coins, right?"

Jerry said he sure did and asked her what she had to sell. She flipped the lid open on the cigar box to reveal one heck of a lot of buffalo nickels. If I had to guess, there was probably close to 1000 nickels in that cigar box. Anyway, the box was clear full. "Do you buy Indian Head Nickels?" she asked. "If so how much will you pay for them?" Jerry told her that he would pay her twelve cents apiece for them as long as they had clear readable dates. She told him she only kept the ones that she could read the whole date on.

Jerry then asked her if she knew how many she had in the cigar box

She told him she didn't know. He then told her that was fine he would just run them through his coin counter. She then asked, "what if there are some good ones in there?" Jerry then explained to her that if she wanted to search through them and pick out the better dates he would pay her a fair market price for them. She told him she didn't know which ones to look for. Jerry reached behind him, to a bookshelf on the wall, picked up a Blue Book of coin values and told her that she could look them up in the book and that the book was \$2.95 plus sales tax. She then asked him, what she would do with the book after she was done with it, would he give her, her money back? Jerry told her no, that he couldn't do that. He then told her that if she wanted to leave the box of nickels with him he would, in his spare time, go thru them to see if there were any better dates and she could return in a couple of days and he would pay her for them. She told him her old eyes weren't good enough for her to go thru them and that she would just sell them to him for the twelve cents apiece.. Jerry said, "Fine" and he picked up the cigar box and took it over and dumped the nickels into the coin counter.

As Jerry began cranking the handle on the counter I asked her how she had managed to have so many buffalo nickels. She told me, that after her husband had come home from the war in Germany they had opened a small restaurant in the city. At the end of everyday she would go thru the change in the cash register and pick out any Indian Head nickels that had complete dates on them and throw them into the cigar box. She said that sometimes the customers would leave them, for her, as a tip. I asked her if she ever saw V nickels? "Oh sure," she said, "but I never kept them because they looked like foreign coins to me." I thought to myself, I wonder how many 1885 or 1912 S nickels she had taken to the bank.

About this time jerry had finished counting her nickels and came over and paid her for the 930 nickels he had counted back into the old cigar box. She thanked him and turned and left the store. About this time someone else came into the shop and as Jerry went to wait on them I opened the lid on the cigar box and reached in and picked up one of the nickels. Right away I seen that it was a very high grade. I glanced at the date and it was a 1913. I turned It over to see if it was a type 1 or 2 and if it had a mint mark on it. Right away I recognized

It was a type 2 and it had an S mint mark. The coin looked, to me, to be in about uncirculated condition. This was one very nice nickel and I wondered how many other treasures might be in that cigar box? Jerry had finished helping the customer and as he walked over toward me I dropped the nickel back into the cigar box and closed the lid. As Jerry approached I asked how much he wanted for the box of nickels. He thought for a moment and told me he really didn't want to go through 930 nickels. He then smiled and said if I would double his money that I could have them. I did some quick figuring in my head and agreed to pay his price. I paid him, then opened the box and took out another nickel. This one was as nice as the first one I had looked at and it was dated 1916 with an S on the reverse. "Wow" I said, "a 1916 S as nice as the 1913 S." Jerry grabbed the nickel out of my hand, looked at it and said "damn" and dropped the nickel back into the cigar box and shut the lid. "How much do you want for the box of nickels" he asked? I smiled and said "double my money and they are yours." He counted out the money and handed it to me. "Not a bad days profit," I said and we both laughed. I don't know what other goodies might have been in that old White Owl cigar box full of nickels, and when ever I saw Jerry and asked him he'd just smile and say, "Double My Money."

Do you have a story to tell?

The above story actually did happen. Do you have any interesting or unusual story that you would like share with the readers? If you do, be sure and write it down and send it to The Editor or you can e-mail it to me. Keep it to no more that three pages 8 1/2 x 5 inches. If there are pictures to go along with your story send them along too. If you want your pictures returned include a SSAE so that I can return them to you.

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